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## CALL FOR CANDIDATURES TOWARDS NEW EUROPEAN CHAPLAIN



To: All Movements and Federations of the JECI-MIEC European Coordination

During the Committee we are going to elect the new members of the European Team and we are asking to all our National Movements and Federations to look for candidates. It will be important that the new team is accompanied by a Chaplain<sup>1</sup>. Such process involves also accompanying the potential candidate and it should be a continuous, open and transparent one, like in any other case within the Coordination. The European Team will be accompanying the process also.

The European Team consists of the European Coordinator, the Administration Board and the European Chaplain.

## **PROFILE OF THE EUROPEAN CHAPLAIN**

The post is open to any suitably qualified person, priest, religious, lay person, male or female. The role of the European Chaplain has four main parts:

1. Accompaniment of the European Team
  2. Promoting and supporting chaplaincy in Europe
  3. Theological reflection
  4. Being a link person with ecclesiastical authorities
- The Chaplain works collaboratively as part of the JECI-MIEC European Team.
  - Their primary role to support and encourage the work of the European Team. They accompany team members, seeking always to empower and encourage them. They share the life of the European Team and have a special role in relationship building, faith deepening and conflict mediating.
  - They provide advice and guidance to the team and to the national movements. The chaplain takes part in the various activities on the European level. They are particularly attentive to the faith and spiritual dimensions of these activities.
  - He/she supports and encourages the work national chaplains. They help the national movements in their search for national chaplains.
  - The chaplain links with the international chaplain(s) and ensures that there is good communication between the National Movements and church authorities.

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<sup>1</sup> Chaplains are sometimes known as 'Ecclesiastical Assistants'



The European Chaplain engages in a specialised pastoral work. They need to understand and identify with the pastoral and pedagogical traditions of JECI-MIEC as youth led movements.

Ideally, we are looking for someone who could take on this roll full-time. Realistically given the limited financial resources, the post can be done part-time or on an occasional basis.<sup>2</sup>

The term of the European Chaplain will be discussed with each candidate on a case-by-case basis before the elections in the European Committee 2011.

## PERSON REQUIREMENTS

- The chaplain needs to be open-minded and tolerant
- Have a willingness to work in the student's milieu
- One who understands and respects the distinctive lay nature of our movements
- Have a broad European vision, respecting the ethnic, cultural and theological diversity of our national movements
- A mature personality
- A good theological formation
- An attitude of service
- Be of good standing with the ecclesiastical authorities
- Have a good command of English. French or Spanish would also be an asset

## DEADLINES AND PROCEDURE

The **25th August is the deadline** to send to the European Coordination ([office@jeci-miec.eu](mailto:office@jeci-miec.eu)) any candidature. **Please make sure you get acknowledge of receipt for your e-mail.** For the requirements, candidates should provide the following **documents:**

Suitable candidates for the post of European Chaplain are asked to provide the following:

- An official letter of nomination of the candidate by his/her national movement or another full member of JECI-MIEC
- The curriculum vitae of the candidate
- A personal letter from the candidate explaining why he/she is motivated to work as European Chaplain
- A letter of support from his/her bishop or religious superior

The European Team will consider the nomination(s) and where necessary consult with National Movements. They will discuss with individual candidates and seek any further information that is required.

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<sup>2</sup> One way forward would be the formation of a Chaplaincy team to undertake the role of European Chaplain.



The candidates will be submitted to election in the European Committee 2011 which will take place in Corfu, Greece in 12-19 September 2011. The elected candidate will be submitted to the International Chaplains of JECI and MIEC for appointment<sup>3</sup>.

The presence of the candidates in the European Committee would be an asset and the European Team will take the appropriate steps to make sure that this will be possible.

A more detailed profile of the European Chaplain is available upon request from the European Team.

With best regards,

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<sup>3</sup> According to the statutes of JECI and MIEC, it is the international chaplains who officially appoint the European Chaplain.